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SUBJ: CANADIAN REACTION TO US REQUEST FOR ICC REACTIVATION

1. JOHN FRASER, COUNSELOR OF CANADIAN EMBASSY, CALLED ON DEPARTMENT OFFICER JULY 27 IN ORDER TO GIVE OTTAWA'S REPLY TO APPROACH MADE BY DEPARTMENT JULY 23 RE ACTIVATION ICC CAMBODIA. HE REITERATED MUCH OF WHAT HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN REPORTED AS OTTAWA'S NEGATIVE POINT OF VIEW AND ALSO LEFT A COPY OF CANADIAN AMBASSADOR SAIGON'S LETTER TO HIS KHMER COLLEAGUE IN REPLY TO LATTE'S APPROACH THIS SUBJECT AND THAT OF LONG BORET DESIRE VISIT CANADA.

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2. ACCORDING TO FRASER, IT IS MOST UNLIKELY THAT

CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN ICC CAMBODIA COULD BE FEASIBLE UNLESS IT WERE FOUND THAT THE 1954 AGREEMENTS PLACED OBLIGATIONS UPON CANADA. HOWEVER, IT IS THE OPINION OF CANADIAN GOVERNMENT THAT ANY CAMBODIAN AGREEMENT WILL BE A COMPLETELY NEW ONE, SINCE THE ORIGINAL GKR NO LONGER EXISTS AND THE DRV DOES NOT ACKNOWLEDGE ITS PRESENCE OR PARTICIPATION IN CAMBODIAN CONFLICT. EVEN IF REAFFIRMATION OF THE 1954 AGREEMENTS PROVISIONS WERE MADE BY THE GKR AND THE DRV, CANADA WOULD INSIST ON NEW TERMS FOR THE ICC IN ORDER THAT IT BE EFFECTIVE. CANADA WILL SIMPLY NOT RPT NOT GO THROUGH THE FARCE OF THE FORMER CAMBODIAN ICC FOR

ITS MORE RECENT ICCS EXPERIENCES.

3. FRASER INDICATED THAT CANADA IS PERFECTLY WILLING TO ATTEND AN ICC MEETING WITH INDIA AND POLAND, SHOULD INDIA CALL ONE. HOWEVER, THIS WOULD NOT IMPLY CANADIAN WILLINGNESS TO REPEAT ITS PAST SAD EXPERIENCES.

4. RE LONG BORET VISIT TO CANADA, OTTAWA BELIEVES THERE IS LITTLE POINT TO IT AT THIS TIME AND ALSO FEARS POSSIBLE PUBLIC REACTION TO WHAT MIGHT BE VIEWED AS CANADIAN COMMITMENT TO PARTICIPATE BY RECEIVING KHMER FONMIN. COUNSELOR, HOWEVER, ASSURED DEPTOFF THAT CANADA CONTINUES RECOGNIZE GKR AS LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT AND HAS NO INTENTION CHANGING THIS POSITION.

5. WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING CANADIAN RIGHT TO ITS INTERPRETATION PRESENT ICC SITUATION, DEPTOFF EXPRESSED REGRET AT NEGATIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD LONG BORET VISIT ON GROUNDS THAT GKR NEEDS ALL POSSIBLE INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION NOW IN VIEW FORTHCOMING NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE AND UNGA. HE STATED THAT FONMIN'S VISITS TO CO-CHAIRMEN AND ICC MEMBERS WOULD REINFORCE GKR POSITION AS LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT. ROGERS

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